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KADDERLY: This is Wallace Kadderly, in Washington....

VAN DEMAN: And this is Ruth Van Deman.

KADDERLY: After Ruth gives you the food news on the Bulletin Board, I'll be back with information for livestock producers and shippers...All right, Ruth.

VAN DEMAN: First on the Bulletin Board is a reminder about War Ration Book Four. Nationally, today is the first day of the distribution period. The exact time and place to apply will be announced in your own locality....if it hasn't been announced already. After October 31st, the new book will be used to buy processed food and sugar. But when you go to the registration place, be sure to take the entire family supply of ration books number three-- that's the last one you got.

Today the Bureau of Agricultural Economics released the 1944 outlook issue of the National Food Situation. I'll try to cover the main points.

Total supplies of food for civilians are not likely to exceed those of 1943 and may even be somewhat smaller. Greater requirements for groups other than civilians probably will more than offset any increases in food output. For 1944 as a whole, it now looks as if we'll continue to have plenty of cereals -- and as much as we have this year of chickens, eggs, fresh fruits, and vegetables, potatoes, dry edible beans and peas. We're likely to have about the same amount of food fats and oils as we have had under rationing in recent months. However, we'll probably have less meat and less dairy products than this year.

In looking ahead, the economists of course are assuring average weather; they expect we'll have more land in food crops, and good management of food supplies. They assume too that military and lend-lease requirements will be at least as great in 1944 as they are this year.

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